

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
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Application No.: 10/087,190

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For: NUCLEIC ACID AND CORRESPONDING  
PROTEIN ENTITLED 121P1F1 USEFUL IN  
TREATMENT AND DETECTION OF  
CANCER

Confirmation No.: 7796

Art Unit: 1643

Examiner: D. Blanchard

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicant respectfully requests entry on this Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned patent application. This Preliminary Amendment is submitted together with a Request for Continued Examination, and is in response to the final Office Action dated July 20, 2007. A Petition and fee for a one-month extension of time is filed herewith, extending the deadline for response to November 20, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.